

REMARKS

This Amendment seeks to place this application in condition for allowance. All of the Examiner's rejections have been addressed. Several of the pending claims have been amended. No new matter has been added.

OFFICE ACTION

In the office Action mailed September 11, 2000, the Examiner rejected claims 168 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art and for being a so-called single means claim. The Examiner also rejected claims 172 and 177 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for being indefinite.

In addition, the Examiner allowed claims 151-167; and objected to claims 169-171, 173-176, 178 and 179 for being dependent on a rejected base claim.

Finally, the Examiner determined that the instant application is not obvious in view of U.S. Patent 5,513,327. Should the Examiner change his position, Applicants would submit a terminal disclaimer to overcome such a rejection.

Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 112:

Claim 168

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's interpretation of claim 168 (i.e., a "so-called single means

claims"). It is Applicants' position that original claim 168 is not a single means claim. Moreover, original and amended claim 168 do recite a means for performing a specified function. As such, 35 U.S.C. § 112 is not pertinent in this regard.

In an effort to expeditiously advance the prosecution, however, Applicants have amended claim 168 to render the issue moot. Claim 168 has been amended to include "second output driver circuitry." No new matter has been added.

It should be noted that claims 172 and 174-177 have been amended to more clearly claim the invention in light of the amendment to claim 168. No new matter has been added.

Claims 172 and 177

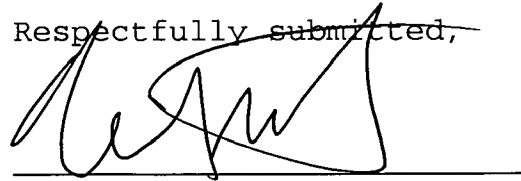
Applicants have amended claims 172 and 177 to address the Examiner's concern. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Applicants request entry of the foregoing amendment. Applicants submit that all of the claims present patentable subject matter which definitely set forth the novel and unobvious features of the invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all of the claims.

It is noted that should a telephone interview expedite the prosecution in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact Neil Steinberg at 650-944-7772.

Respectfully submitted,

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